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I strongly support legislation which revokes the license to practice medicine of any doctor or medical practitioner convicted of medical malpractice or medical fraud. I am surprised that the removal of license is not an automatic result of such action.

It is extremely imperative that reports filed with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) be dealt with in a timely, equitable, and comprehensive manner. This agency appears to be unable to deal with the volume and severity of reports filed concerning cases of medical wrongdoing. The medical malpractice that has taken place in the oncology practice of Dr. Farid Fata would have been halted years ago had the serious complaint formally filed by oncology nurse, Angela Swantek, been investigated competently at that time. I would never have had the misfortune to be a patient of his practice for years.

As a Michigan school teacher, I was required by law to contact Protective Services (DHS) if I had any indication or reason to suspect child abuse or neglect. I find it appalling that it is not a legal requirement that suspected cases of medical mistreatment or fraud be likewise reported to a responsible state authority by members of the medical profession. Our most vulnerable, fragile, and ill patients deserve the same protection as our young children.

This case is going to cost the federal and state government millions in dollars and years of time to resolve. It has cost Medicare and Medicaid millions of dollars at a time that this country is undergoing traumatic and costly change in the funding of our medical health care system. It has cost individual patients and their families untold hours of pain and worry. It has cost many patients their lives.

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